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Circular Letter No. 45.

September 25, 1909.

To Supervising Principals

and School Boards:--

Owing to the fact that no appropriation Act was passed by the Legislature of 1909, and that the salaries prescribed in the School Law as specified on page 2, Circular Letter No. 11, must be in force for the year 1909-10; we are able to pay to teachers of English only \$60 per month. Last year teachers of English received \$75 per month under the Appropriation Act of 1908.

A teacher of English was appointed early in the summer for each of the towns in the Island having a graded system; and more than one for each of the larger towns. Acceptances of such appointments were received from a number of teachers equal to the number of positions allotted for teachers of English on July 24th; but the large number of resignations which have been received since the salaries were fixed at \$60 has made it impossible to fill these positions promptly.

We are well aware of the needs in each of the districts of the Island as indicated by the large number of pupils left in or promoted to each of the grades on June 24th, and by the reports which are now coming in.

We regret exceedingly that it is impossible to send teachers of English at once for all of the positions so allotted. Since it has been evident that there would be an insufficient number of such teachers at the opening of the school year; appointments have already been tendered to a number of teachers in the States, and we are hoping that some of these will arrive on next week's boat. It will be necessary, meantime that Supervising Principals arrange for double enrollment in upper grades, and I trust that in this way every school allotted may be opened on the 27th. Do not leave a room closed, if by any expedient this can be avoided.

Yours very truly,

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Commissioner of Education